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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1959/60

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Vice-Chairman :

COUNCILLOR W. S. JAMIESON

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH

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J. L. MILLER WOOD, V.R.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Clerk :

MRS. G. C. BUNN.

Chief Public Health Inspector :

R. F. WYNN, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector :

E. ALTY, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (Deceased)

N. T. HUDSON, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (Appointed November, 1959)

Additional Public Health Inspector :

A. S. JOHNSON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk :

S. V. EDWARDS

Veterinary Inspector (Part-time) :

H. G. MCSHANE, M.R.C.V.S.

75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
CHELMSFORD.
15th July, 1960

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1959. The Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/60 of the 8th January, 1960.

There were 758 live births during the year, 46 more than in 1958, which represents a Birth Rate of 17.19 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 16.5.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e. infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births, was 15.88 compared with the figure of 22.0 for England and Wales.

There were 414 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 9.39 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11.6.

During the year a total of 22 investigations were made into applications for housing priority on medical grounds, and were the subject of special reports to the Housing Management Committee.

There were 87 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme, which included two blood tests on employees in the Water Department whose work on water mains brings them into close association with the town's water supplies.

As was mentioned last year an increasing amount of time was given to authenticating International Vaccination Certificates, and during 1959 this work showed a further considerable increase, there being 518 of these Certificates authenticated by my Department, as compared with 385 the previous year.

It was necessary on one occasion during the year to utilise the powers provided under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act to remove compulsorily an old lady to hospital. She quickly settled down after admission, her general condition improved, and she agreed to remain as a voluntary patient.

I should like to express my thanks to those Chief Officers who have made available to me some of the information appearing in this Report, and in particular my special thanks are due to Mr. R. F. Wynn, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Finally, I should like to thank the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the ready support and encouragement which they have given me during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. MILLER WOOD,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

AREA (in acres)	4,755
POPULATION, 1959	44,080 (Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1951—37,888).
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1959) according to Rate Books	14,569.
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1959)	£849,210.
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1959)	General £3,141. Water £2,547.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

		Total.	Male.	Female.	
Live Births	Legitimate	718	361	357	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population mid-1959—17.19.
	Illegitimate	40	24	16	
	Totals	758	385	373	
Still Births	Legitimate	9	5	4	Rate per 1,000 live and still births— 17.42.
	Illegitimate	1	—	1	
	Totals	10	5	5	

DEATHS	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 9.39.
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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 births	15.83
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	15.32

DEATHS

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING THE YEAR, 1959

Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+
11	1	4	2	13	100	99	184

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1959

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	3	1	4
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	1	—	1
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	11	6	17
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	20	3	23
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	7	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	18	37
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	1	2	3
Diabetes	3	—	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	23	26	49
Coronary disease angina	47	28	75
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1	3
Other heart disease	17	24	41
Other circulatory disease	4	18	22
Influenza	3	5	8
Pneumonia	17	16	33
Bronchitis	11	4	15
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	—	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	—	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	3	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14	23	37
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4
All other accidents	5	6	11
Suicide	2	3	5
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Totals	216	198	414

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY (See Page 2).

PUBLIC SERVICES OPERATING IN CHELMSFORD.

Child Welfare Centres

Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	.....	Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
Baptist Mission Hall, Springfield, Chelmsford	.....	2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
Parochial Hall, Vicarage Road, Chelmsford	.....	Mondays, at 2 p.m.
Congregational Church, Trent Road, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford		2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
Chelmsford Free Church, Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford		2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Womens Institute Hall, Springfield	Every Monday at 2 p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Every Friday at 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford	Tuesdays, at 2.15 p.m.
Ante-Natal and Women's Welfare Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Thursdays, at 10 a.m.
Relaxation Classes, Friend's Meeting House, Chelmsford	Each Monday and Wednesday afternoon. (By Appointment).
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Wednesday, p.m.

Chest Clinic

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford	Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
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Venereal Diseases

Treatment is available at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford.

Minor Ailment Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Mondays, 10 a.m.
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Ophthalmic Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Tuesdays and Wednesdays a.m. (By Appointment).
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Dental Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By Appointment).
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Wednesdays.

Child Guidance Clinic

146 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford	By Appointment.
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Speech Therapy Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Wednesdays.

Physiotherapy Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
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Immunisation Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Second Monday, 2 p.m.
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Health Visitors

There are five Health Visitors based at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford and two at Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue. These ladies are Public Health Nurses whose duties consist in attending at various County Council Clinics and Child Welfare Centres, where they give advice as Health Teachers, with an expert knowledge of the care of young children. They also carry out health work in the schools as School Nurses. The most important part of a Health Visitor's work, however, consists in visiting the homes of the people, where she gives advice on health matters concerning the family as a whole. She can also form a most important connecting link between the family and the facilities provided by the Local Health Authority, and the General Practitioner Services under the National Health Service Act.

HOME NURSE/MIDWIVES

The following is a list of Home Nurses and Midwives who are working in the Borough :—

Home Nurses—

Mrs. E. Mason, 6, St. Mildreds Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 2619.

Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127, Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 2354.

Mrs. D. Rawlingson, 65, Fifth Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 4943.

Mrs. A. E. Oakley, 8, Rainsford Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 3000.

Midwives—

Miss J. D. Seabrook, 13, Queensland Crescent, Chelmsford. Tel. 4247.

Miss E. M. Miller, "Les Noies," 138, Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford.

Tel. 3816.

Miss M. F. Crisp, 7, Epping Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 4132.

Miss D. G. Mann, 14, Pembroke Place, Chelmsford. Tel. 51387.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This Service is provided by the Essex County Council and operates from No. 11, Springfield Road, Chelmsford. Telephone No. 4801.

LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory Services are provided at St. John's Hospital, Wood Street, Chelmsford, and in September, 1956, the Public Health Laboratory Service opened a new Laboratory at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital with Dr. R. Pilsworth as the Medical Director.

WATERLOO LANE DAY NURSERY

Admission by application to the Matron.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

As indicated in last year's report, the Essex Association for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped has now been established, and is operating from 79, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, where application can be made by physically handicapped persons requiring assistance.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

The Rest Room in Legg Street, Chelmsford, has now been replaced by a Welfare Centre at 17, Cottage Place, Chelmsford, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and is available for all the "over-sixties." The Centre is staffed entirely by voluntary help. Light refreshments are provided, and a light luncheon is served on Fridays. It is used by old people from the country while waiting for buses; friends arrange to meet there; and there are cards and dominoes. Daily papers and periodicals are provided, also facilities for writing.

A Chiropody Service is functioning Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, with an extra session on Mondays when necessary. The old people contribute 2/6d., the remainder being paid for by a Grant from the Essex County Council, and the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee.

There are 18 clubs in Chelmsford and District, and there is also a Visiting Sub-Committee for visiting those unable to attend clubs.

The Secretary of the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee is Mrs. Gerald Chambers, "Sherwood," Cedar Avenue, Chelmsford. Telephone 56261.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The quality of the water has at all times been of a satisfactory nature for public supply purposes.

During the past year the quantity of water available has been sufficient to meet the needs of the Borough.

Bacteriological examinations are made daily of the treated water as it leaves the Sandford Mill Pumping Station and frequent analyses are made of the raw water. Frequent samples are also taken from the Service Reservoir and at certain points on the distribution system. These have in all cases proved satisfactory.

The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

No contamination has occurred after treatment.

All properties within the area of supply have mains supply direct to the house.

Supply by means of standpipes—Nil.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council	.....	.....	.....	105
(2) By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	14
(3) By other Bodies or Persons	.....	.....	.....	559

The following Schedule gives Statistical details of New Properties built since the war :—

Estate	Houses	Flats	Maison- nettes	Aluminium Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	Total
Swiss Avenue	—	—	—	—	6	6
First Avenue	—	—	—	—	10	10
Second Avenue	6	—	—	—	—	6
Baker Street	—	33	—	—	—	33
Lady Lane	8	—	—	—	—	8
Melbourne Park	396	40	—	100	16	552
Melbourne Park Farm	392	—	—	—	16	408
Pines	106	—	—	—	14	120
Rainsford Bungalows	—	—	—	—	69	69
Upper Bridge Road Site	5	36	—	—	—	41
Waterhouse Lane	—	—	—	60	—	60
Woodhall	171	107	—	—	16	294
Woodhall Extension	176	32	—	—	14	222
Chignall	557	80	—	—	6	643
Springfield Road	—	—	—	—	5	5
Springfield Park Extension	216	29	—	—	40	285
Westlands	553	164	2	—	—	719
Lower Anchor Street	3	—	—	—	—	3
Official Houses	36	—	—	—	—	36
Duplex Flats	—	160	—	—	—	160
Hillary Close, Arbour Lane	68	—	—	—	—	68

Shops

Melbourne Park ; Woodhall ; Springfield ; Chignall ; Westlands	41
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Garages

Melbourne Park ; Boarded Barns ; Woodhall ; Springfield Park Extension ; Westlands ; Melbourne Farm ; Chignall ; Baker Street ; Second Avenue ; Fifth Avenue ; Meadgate	485
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In addition 1,588 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Meadgate Estate (Baddow Road)

43 x 3 bedroomed houses are being erected, and 35 of these are already occupied.

Bradford Street

27 x 1 bedroomed flats are being erected.

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a summary of applications as at 31st December, 1959 :—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms)	437
GROUP B (Aged Persons)	216
GROUP C (Single Persons)	102
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation)	138
GROUP E (Tenants)	365
GROUP F (Slum Clearance)	338
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TOTAL	1,596 Nett
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ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES FROM
WEEK COMMENCING 5TH JANUARY, 1959, UP TO AND INCLUDING WEEK
COMMENCING 28TH DECEMBER, 1959

Applicants housed—

In normal turn	100
Eviction Orders	11
Closing Orders	2
Clearance Areas	67
Other priorities	40
Social Services	2
Council Officials	4

New Properties—

Old People's Bungalows (Swiss Avenue, Spring- Road)	11
Arbour Lane houses	64
Second Avenue houses	6
Meadgate houses	24
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	105

Re-lettings due to termina-
tion of tenancies

121

Total

226

Total

226

Transfers effected

124

Mutal Exchanges—

(a) Between Council Tenants	29
(b) Between other Landlords	18

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NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1959

The following new sewers or drains have been laid during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

Surface Water Sewers—2,900 yards, in the making up of First and Second Avenues, Chignall Road, Beechenlea Estate, and in connection with the new Crematorium, the new Market Site, Victoria Road and the development of "The Glen," Broomfield Road.

Soil Sewers—1,770 yards, in connection with Beechenlea Estate, the drainage of Prykes Flats in Coval Lane, the new Crematorium, the new Market Site in Victoria Road and the development of "The Glen."

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There has been no alteration in the method of refuse collection during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1959

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 14 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 44 years	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 64 years	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	9	6	—	—	1	—	—	—

Patients with tuberculosis can obtain considerable financial help by the provision of extra milk, groceries, and in some instances clothing, on application to Mr. R. Hawkes, Secretary to the Chelmsford and District Tuberculosis Care Association, c/o Rural District Council Offices, London Road, Chelmsford.

There is a leaflet entitled "ADVICE to those who have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis" issued by the County Medical Officer, which gives help and guidance to those affected.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1959

Disease	No. of Cases	NOTIFICATION AT AGES								Cases admitted to Hospital	Total cases notified in each Ward			
		Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Scarlet Fever	31	—	1	1	3	2	20	4	—	—	15	1	6	9
Whooping Cough	9	1	3	1	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	7	—	2
Measles	455	8	34	45	61	55	243	8	—	1	140	184	52	79
Dysentery	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	2
Polionyelitis (Paralytic)	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Polionyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Meningitis (Meningococcal)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	504	10	38	49	67	57	265	12	1	5	156	193	58	97

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 5 years	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 & over	Age Unknown	Cases admitted to Hospital	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Pneumonia	15	1	3	3	6	2	—	—	8	2	1	4
Food Poisoning	7	1	3	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	6	—
Infective Hepatitis	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	21	—	—	21	—	—	—	21	2	12	—	7
TOTALS	46	2	6	25	11	2	—	21	12	15	7	12

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1959

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Chelmsford Borough Council.*

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour in presenting my twenty-third annual report for your consideration.

In 1936 the Borough of Chelmsford had its first Clearance Orders confirmed, they comprised 22 houses and were known as the Widford Nos. 1 and 2 Clearance Areas. Since that date, excluding the war years, a steady resolute progress has been made in this sphere of work and up to date 368 houses have been included in clearance areas. An eight year "Slum Clearance" programme formulated in consequence of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, is well under way and extends to 1963. Details of the progress of this programme are set out on pages 19 and 20. I am aware of the difficulties encountered by the Housing Department in its efforts to rehouse the tenants from the clearance areas, in particular the fitting of families to houses in accord with family requirements, especially elderly people. In this connection I would like to thank Mr. Davies, the Housing Manager, and his staff for their co-operation and help in pressing along the programme. It is interesting to note that although rehousing of the aged is a great problem and in most cases these types of tenants are greatly concerned at 'being uprooted at their time of life', seldom is there dissatisfaction with the new house and never has one regretted the move from the condemned house !

In spite of the difficulties mentioned I am of the opinion that Chelmsford is doing well in the clearance of unfit houses which in no little way is an improvement of the town as a whole and enhances the environmental health of many individuals.

Food Hygiene occupied much time of my department and efforts continue with all force to maintain a high standard in all premises where food is sold, stored or prepared. An initial survey and drive to raise standards met with ready co-operation of food traders and now no effort is spared to keep up the standard and introduce improvements wherever possible. Progress report on pages 23 and 24 gives an idea of the year's work.

I am pleased to report that 100% meat inspection is maintained and the work is carried out whatever the time, day or night. It is worthy of note that the incidence of tuberculosis in slaughtered cattle is reduced to 1.29% from 4.33% and during the year 76 calves have been slaughtered without showing signs of tuberculosis, whilst *cysticercus bovis* numbered 16 cases or 0.92%, about the same as last year.

In considering the report which follows giving numbers of inspections made and improvements effected, one can reflect on the fact that on two occasions only enforcement proceedings have been instituted, one related to a nuisance order respecting leaking roofs of houses and the other a contravention of the Factories Act.

I would like here to place on record my thanks to Dr. Miller Wood for the help and co-operation he has given at all times during the year and to my staff for their loyalty and wholehearted manner with which they have worked in the interests of public health.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. F. WYNN,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects :—

Public Health Act	136	}	331
Housing Act	195		

- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose :—

Public Health Act	576	}	1,419
Housing Act	843		

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.

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- (3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation :—

Public Health Act	57	}	81
Housing Act	24		

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority's Officers :—

Public Health Act	52	}	78
Housing Act	16		

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Demolition orders issued	2
(2) Demolition orders complied with	1
(3) Houses closed	3
(4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of Orders	12
(5) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(6) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	—
(b) By the Local Authority in default of owners	—

Works Carried Out—cont.

Sash Cords renewed	10
Dampness remedied	5
Roofs repaired	24
Sink Wastes repaired or renewed	5
Firegrates repaired or renewed	8
House Doors repaired or renewed	6
Internal Wall Plaster repaired	19
Ventilation to Habitable Rooms provided	2
Drains cleansed and repaired	41
Rooms redecorated	3
Cooking facilities provided	1
Internal Walls rendered with impervious material	3
Overcrowding at workplaces abated	1
Heating at workplaces improved	1
Eaves, Gutters and Fallpipes repaired	29
External Walls repaired	22
W.C.s repaired or renewed	11
Soil or Vent Pipes repaired or renewed	1
Chimneys repaired	8
Animal Keeping Nuisances abated	2
Staircases repaired	3
Lighting improved	1
Food Stores provided	1
Sanitary Conveniences suitably screened	1
Smoke Nuisances abated	2
W.C. Compartments repaired or rebuilt	2
Yard Paving repaired	6
Houses or Parts cleansed	1
Accumulations removed	8
Inspection Chambers provided or repaired	3
Sinks renewed	2
Water Services repaired	4
Dustbins provided	51
Ditches and Watercourses cleansed	1

Slum Clearance.

A survey made under the provisions of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, disclosed 444 low standard houses considered suitable for clearance by Clearance Orders.

The Chelmsford Borough Council agreed in principle to deal with these houses in an eight-year programme, 1956-1963. The position to date is as follows:—

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1959

Year in Programme	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders	Properties	No. of Premises	Date of Order	Position	Remarks
1956	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1 Clearance Order	15, 17 & 19 Mildmay Road	3	27.6.56	Houses Demolished	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Parker Road	5	27.6.56	Houses Demolished	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33 Coval Lane	6	27.6.56	Confirmed Clearance Order, Houses vacated	—
		130 & 132 Coval Lane	2	—	—	Removed from programme as houses made fit.
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 New Street	5	25.7.56	13, 14 & 15—Confirmed Clearance Order—Houses demolished 16 & 17—Confirmed Compulsory Purchase Order—Houses vacated.	—
	2 Compulsory Purchase Orders	6, 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13 Legg Street	6	25.7.56	7, 8 & 9—Confirmed Clearance Order—Houses vacated, ... 6, 12 & 13—Confirmed Compulsory Purchase Order—Houses vacated.	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	1, 2, 5 & 6 Church Square, 4 & 5 Church Street	6	27.6.56	Compulsory Purchase Order confirmed—Houses vacated	—
	2 Compulsory Purchase Orders	1, 2, 8 & 9 Church Street	4	27.6.56	Compulsory Purchase Orders confirmed—Houses vacated—8 & 9 being demolished	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	7, 7a, 8 & 9 New Street	4	27.6.56	Compulsory Purchase Order confirmed—No. 7 vacated ...	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, & 4 Crows Cottages, Chignal Road	4	27.2.57	3 & 4 Clearance Order not confirmed	1 & 2 were demolished by owner by informal action, 3 & 4 reconstructed to form one house.
	1 Clearance Order	69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81 Rainsford Road	7	27.2.57	Houses demolished	—
1957	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1 Clearance Order	23, 24 & 25 Hall Street and 1 Orchard Street, and 40, 41 & 42 Orchard Street	7	28.1.59	Order confirmed with the exception of 23 Hall Street and 1 & 40 Orchard Street which have been purchased by the Council, 1 & 40 Orchard Street & 23 Hall Street vacated	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Roman Road and 16 & 17 Hall Street	8	30.10.57	1, 2, 3 & 6 Roman Road & 17 Hall Street—Clearance Order confirmed, 4 & 5 Roman Road & 16 Hall Street—Order not confirmed, 17 Hall Street demolished, 1 Roman Road vacated	—

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1959—Cont.

Year in Programme	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders	Properties	No. of Premises	Date of Order	Position	Remarks
1957	...	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 George Street	6	20.12.57	Order confirmed
	...	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	9, 10, 11 & 12 George Street ...	4	20.12.57	Order confirmed
	...	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, George Street, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Wells Row, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 33 George Street	29	20.12.57	Order confirmed, 14 George Street & 2, 5 & 7 Wells Row vacated
	...	1 Clearance Order	13, 15, 17, 19 & 21 Wood Street	5	30.10.57	13, 17, 19 & 21 Wood Street— Order confirmed 15 Wood Street—Not confirmed because of Closing Order
1958	...	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3 & 4 Alma Cottages now known as 35, 37, 39 & 41 Arbour Lane	4	30.7.58	Order confirmed, Houses vacated ...
	...	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Navigation Cottages, Wharf Road	6	30.7.58	Order confirmed with the exception of No. 5, 1 & 2 vacated
	...	1 Clearance Order	7a, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Provident Square and empty Dilapidated Cottage in Provident Square	7	30.7.58	Clearance Order confirmed, 7a, 9 & 11 vacated
	...	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Timsons Lane and 282, 284, 286, 288, 290 & 292 Springfield Road	11	24.9.58	Order confirmed but No. 282 re- classified from unfit to fit
	...	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Navigation Road	8	—	Houses demolished by owner by informal action.
	...	1 Clearance Order	50, 52, 54, 56 & 58 Springfield Road	5	30.7.58	Clearance Order confirmed, Houses in course of demolition
	...	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Friars Place	7	30.7.58	Compulsory Purchase Order con- firmed, 1, 2 & 3 vacated
	...	1 Clearance Order	93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 & 100 Moulsham Street	8	30.7.58	Clearance Order confirmed, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98 and 100 vacated.
1959	...	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 Hay- cocks Row and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 Compasses Row	34	30.12.59	Awaiting Minister's decision
	...	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Coopers Row	11	30.12.59	Awaiting Minister's decision
	...	1 Clearance Order	2 Cottages in Lawn Lane	2	30.12.59	Awaiting Minister's decision
	...	1 Clearance Order	256, 258 & 260 Rainsford Road	3	30.12.59	Awaiting Minister's decision
	...	1 Clearance Order	202 & 204 Rainsford Road	2	30.12.59	Awaiting Minister's decision

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Including Food Hygiene Regulations).

Informal Notices issued	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	140
" " complied with	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	166

The numbers and types of food businesses within the Borough are given below :—

Types of Businesses at end of 1959.

[illegible]

Inspections Made and Recorded.

[illegible]

Licensed Premises	137
Dairies and Milkshops	40
Fried Fish Shops	27
Fishmongers and Poulterers	51
Grocers	263
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	113
Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners	260
Food Preparing Premises	67
School Canteens	72
Stalls	234

Work Carried Out.

Food Protection provided	19
Sinks provided	4
Wash Hands Notices provided	45
Clothing Stores provided	8
Repairs to walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings	76
Ventilation provided	13
Wash Basins provided	8
Hot and Cold Water provided	20
Rooms Redecorated and cleansed	99
First Aid Equipment provided	9
Soap, Towel and Nail Brush provided	26
Lighting and/or Ventilation provided to Sanitary Conveniences	3
Name and Address Displayed on Stalls	9
Sanitary Conveniences cleaned and repaired	11
Intervening Ventilated Lobbies provided	12
Drain Inlets in Food Rooms removed or trapped	2
Clean and Wholesome Water Supply provided	1
Personal Clothing cleansed	1
Wash Hand Basins cleansed and/or repaired	1
Equipment cleansed	5
Meat and Fish Stall suitably screened	1
Stall repaired	1
Stall cleansed	1
Hand Washing facilities for Stalls provided	3
Articles and/or Equipment repaired	25
Containers kept free from Contamination	3
Food Room suitably lighted	1
Floors cleansed	2
Equipment washing arrangements provided	4

The Food Hygiene Regulations 1955—Progress Report.

Details of Inspections up to 31st December 1959.

The initial inspections of all existing food premises and stalls is now complete. Work is proceeding with re-inspections and routine 'follow-up' visits.

The following are details of the total number of food premises and stalls inspected :—

Bakehouses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Butchers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
Wet Fish Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
School Canteens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
Confectioners and Ice Cream	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
Fried Fish Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Grocers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98
Licensed Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
Other Food Premises (Food Factories, Canteens, etc.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82
Food Stalls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84
									575

At many of the food premises, proprietors, in addition to their main trade carry on one or more other trades. The main trade is the only one mentioned in the above list.

The following table gives comparative details at food premises and stalls when first inspected and conditions existing on the 31st December, 1959.

Figures in brackets relate to the first inspections. The difference between the two figures, therefore, will indicate the work carried out.

Compliance with Food Hygiene Regulations	Food Premises and Stalls			Total
	School Canteens	Other Food Premises	Food Stalls	
Premises or stalls complying in all respects	30 (5)	432 (39)	74 (22)	536 (66)
Premises or stalls not complying	1 (26)	28 (421)	10 (62)	39 (509)
<i>Reasons for Non-Compliance.</i>				
Unsatisfactory surfaces for storage or preparation of foods	— (15)	8 (50)	—	8 (65)
Food exposed to risk of contamination (includes smoking, near ground, in shops on counters, etc.)	— (11)	4 (114)	—	4 (125)
Insufficient food storage accommodation	— (6)	1 (5)	—	1 (11)

Compliance with Food Hygiene Regulations	Food Premises and Stalls			Total
	School Canteens	Other Food Premises	Food Stalls	
Dirty and/or unsatisfactory equip- ment	—	5 (22)	—	5 (22)
Defective walls, floors, ceilings and fittings	1 (2)	12 (145)	1 (2)	13 (147)
No wash-hand basins	— (5)	3 (67)	—	3 (72)
Inadequate hot and cold water for hand washing	— (6)	7 (166)	—	7 (172)
Lack of soap, towel and/or nail brush	1 (3)	8 (139)	—	9 (142)
No hand washing notice	1 (11)	11 (325)	—	12 (336)
Lack of or insufficient first aid equip- ment	— (4)	5 (96)	—	5 (100)
Unsatisfactory facilities for washing food/equipment	1 (7)	12 (65)	—	13 (72)
Insufficient lighting and ventilation to food rooms	1 (7)	5 (53)	—	6 (60)
Dirty walls, ceilings and/or floors	1 (12)	11 (234)	—	12 (246)
Unsatisfactory sanitary conveniences	— (3)	7 (103)	—	7 (106)
No intervening ventilated lobby between W.C. and food room	— (8)	2 (43)	—	2 (51)
No facilities for storing outdoor clothing	1 (3)	7 (85)	—	8 (88)
Rodent or insect infestation	—	— (6)	—	— (6)
Accumulations of Refuse	— (2)	3 (16)	—	3 (18)
Defective yard surfaces	—	— (7)	—	— (7)
No name and address on stalls	—	—	6 (54)	6 (54)
No hand washing facilities and soap, towel and nail brushes at stalls	—	—	6 (32)	6 (32)
Dirty stalls	—	—	— (5)	— (5)

In addition, there are minor recurring contraventions at some of the premises such as decorations, and hand washing notices and names and addresses on stalls. This applies to an average of about 30 food premises and 3 stalls.

Meat Inspection.

I am pleased to report that meat inspection is maintained at 100% and carried out by fully qualified and experienced meat inspectors.

The following carcasses were examined at the two slaughterhouses : 1,478 beasts, 76 calves, 4,000 sheep, 4,811 pigs.

The total weight of meat condemned was : 11,304 lbs.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle and Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	1,478	76	4,000	4,811	—
Number inspected	1,478	76	4,000	4,811	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses condemned	—	1	—	9	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	403	3	238	557	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	27.27	5.26	5.95	11.76	—
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	18	—	—	74	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.29	—	—	1.54	—
Cysticercosis— Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	16	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	16	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Number of outbreaks	Number of cases	Number of deaths	Foods and Persons involved with causative agents
1	5	Nil	Family of five Suspected tainted Cooked meat.
2	2	Nil	Unknown

The following samples were obtained and submitted for analysis or bacteriological examination, all unsatisfactory results being followed up :—

	Samples taken.		Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Ice-cream	103	.....	101	.....	2	
Ice Lollies	53	.....	53	.....	—
Cream filled Bakers Confectionery	5	.....	5	.....	—
Fruit Squash	6	.....	6	.....	—
Pasteurised Milk	12	.....	12	.....	—
River Water	12	.....	3	.....	9	
Bread	1	.....	—	.....	1	
Well Water	7	.....	3	.....	4	
Grapes	1	.....	1	.....	—
Pork Sausages	20	.....	20	.....	—
T.T. (Pasteurised) Milk	2	.....	2	.....	—
Sterilised Milk	1	.....	1	.....	—
Effluents from septic tanks, surface water drains, etc.	4	.....	1	.....	3	

Disposal of Condemned Food.

Meat. All meat condemned is stained at time of inspection and is collected for disposal by contractors suitably equipped for this purpose.

Other Foods. Collected by department's van and destroyed (where salvage is impracticable).

The following food has been condemned and surrendered as unfit :—

4 tins meat paste.	42¼ lbs. fruit pulp.
3 tins ravioli.	80 lbs. bacon
18 tins baby food.	1,419¼ lbs. tinned pressed meats.
27 tins cream.	11 lbs. dried milk.
3 tins fruit juice.	29 jars horseradish.
38 tins meat.	22 jars pickles.
1 tin salted nuts.	2 pkts. herbs.
1,125 tins fruit.	20 botts. salad cream.
9 tins puddings.	448¼ gals. tomato juice.
35 lbs. cooked steak.	295½ gals. orange juice.
34½ lbs. dried pulses.	56½ gals. apricot juice.
275 lbs. beef.	12½ stons dried fish.
90 lbs. cheese.	3 meat pies.
157½ lbs. sausages.	1 tin egg custard.
1 lb. tea.	2 tins hamburgers.
3½ lbs. lard.	123 tins milk.
27 lbs. prawns.	7 tins spaghetti.
24½ lbs. margarine.	116 tins fish.
240 lbs. frozen rabbits.	2 tins beverages.

Condemned and Surrendered Food—cont.

80 tins soup.	31 lbs. sugar.
134 tins tomatoes.	141½ lbs. preserves.
252 tins vegetables.	28 lbs. cereals.
20½ lbs. custard powder.	2 jars peanut butter.
91 lbs. liver.	10 jars fish paste.
40 lbs. dried fruit.	15 pkts. cheese and cheese spread.
17½ lbs. imported lamb.	40 pkts. breakfast cereals.
47 lbs. syrup.	3 botts. lemon essence.
36¾ lbs. chicken.	84½ gals. pineapple juice.
61 lbs. flour.	3,136¾ gals. grapefruit juice.
4¾ lbs. cake.	28 stones wet fish.
10 lbs. tomatoes.	1 box crabs.
23½ lbs. cornflour.	

Essex County Council Act.

Informal notices issued	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Informal notices complied with	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
There are 144 premises registered for the sale of ice cream and 139 persons registered as vendors.								

During the year there have been 24 new vendors and 15 new premises registered. The sale of ice cream within the Borough proceeds on satisfactory lines.

There are no manufacturers in the Borough and the sales are the products of a few well known manufacturers

Both shops and mobile shops are greatly improved giving testimony to the policy of educating both traders and the public.

Factories Act, 1937.

Informal notices issued	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Informal notices complied with	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30

It has been necessary to take court action against the owner of one factory for failing to provide sufficient sanitary accommodation, not having separate sanitary accommodation for the sexes, and failing to screen sanitary accommodation.

Tables giving particulars of inspection carried out, etc., will be found on pages 28 and 29.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council's free service to householders continues with success, the public co-operating in reporting infestations, which means that a more efficient treatment is possible both of individual dwellings and of larger areas.

During the year 391 infested premises have been treated, involving a total of 1,863 visits.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	231	308	7	1
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	29	6	—
TOTAL	257	344	13	1

Defects

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	22	25	—	1	2
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	—	1
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	24	31	—	1	3

Outworkers

Nature of Work		Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel	Making etc.,	29	—	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		29	—	—	—	—	—



